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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 10607

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 10473

1. DURING APRIL 12 MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SUGGESTED DATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THAILAND WERE, UNFORTUNATELY, INCONVENIENT. HE SAID THE PALACE HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE KING AND QUEEN WOULD BE FULLY OCCUPIED ON MAY 3, 4 AND 5 WITH FORMALITIES RELATING TO CORONATION DAY AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE VISIT DURING THAT PERIOD.

2. DR. UPPADIT SUGGESTED ALTERNATE DATES OF MAY 2 AND 3 BUT SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL CALLED TO SAY THAT PALACE HAD JUST INFORMED HIM THAT MAY 6 WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT ALTERNATE DATE AS THE KING WOULD REMAIN IN BANGKOK TO RECEIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND
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MRS. MONDALE PRIOR TO RETURNING TO HUA HIN.

3. WE APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN JUGGLING DATES FOR PROPOSED VISIT, BUT CLEARLY MAY 4 AND 5 ARE NOT VIABLE FOR BANGKOK VISIT. WE RECOMMEND, ON THE BASIS OF AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH DR. UPPADIT AND DIRECT SUGGESTION FROM THE PALACE THAT MAY 6 IS

PREFERRED DATE FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING, THAT BANGKOK PORTION
OF TRIP BE PROGRAMMED FOR MAY 6 AND 7, WITH ARRIVAL
TIME IN BANGKOK EARLY ENOUGH TO ALLOW FOR CALLS ON
BOTH KING AND PRIME MINISTER DURING AFTERNOON OF
MAY 6.

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